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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 and cancel claims 2 and 4-54 without prejudice.

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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An *in vitro* method of determining whether or not an individual has metastasized colorectal cancer cells comprising the steps of examining a sample of ~~extraintestinal lymph node~~ tissue the steps of examining a sample of ~~extraintestinal lymph node~~ tissue and from an individual to determine whether CRCA-1 ~~transcript is being expressed by cells~~ mRNA is present in said sample wherein ~~expression~~ the presence of said CRCA-1 ~~transcript~~ mRNA is indicative of the presence of metastasized colorectal cancer cells in said sample.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~expression~~ the presence of said CRCA-1 ~~transcript by said cells~~ mRNA in said sample is determined by polymerase chain reaction wherein said sample is contacted with primers that selectively amplify said CRCA-1 transcript or cDNA generated therefrom.

4-54. (Canceled)